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Fog off, mosquitoes

Metro spoke with Ken Nawolsky, branch manager of Insect Control, about the five things Winnipeggers need to know about DeltaGard — the city's newest fog-creating insecticide against mosquitoes.



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg is officially changing up its mosquito-fighting arsenal, now that federal regulators have given the green-light on a new (buzz)killer.

Winnipeg and most of Canada had used malathion as its adulticide of choice — that's an insecticide for killing adult mosquitos — since roughly the 1950s, but it fell out of favour after health organizations highlighted environmental drawbacks.

Last summer, Health Canada told Winnipeg to stop using the malathion it had stockpiled, and the waiting game for an appropriate replacement began.

In 2015, the city had been involved with the testing of a reduced-risk alternative produced by Bayer Crop Science called DeltaGard, which makes use of a

different adulticide called deltamethrin.

Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) approved DeltaGard for mosquito fogging on May 19.

Within hours of its approval, Winnipeg placed an order for 8,000 litres.

Metro asked Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch

Manager Ken Nawolsky to share some of the top reasons why he's happy to make the change.

It's effective

Nawolsky said real-world testing in 2015 — both in Winnipeg and the U.S. — found DeltaGard to be highly effective.

"The efficacy was 98 per cent control for up to 90 metres, which is very, very good," he explained. "That means 98 per cent of the mosquitos were controlled (in that range)... it's as effective or more effective than malathion."

It's not smelly

When the city fogged using malathion, trucks left a putrid trail of skunky garlic musk in their wake, DeltaGard doesn't have the same prob-



lem. "One of the first things people will notice is the product does not have a smell, it's

odourless," Nawolsky said.

He explained it has a shorter half-life than malathion, so it dissipates more quickly in the air, and has less of a chance of being carried by the wind.

It's kinder to wildlife

The PMRA's report noted DeltaGard is "not expected to cause harm to animal populations, bees, beneficial insects (or) aquatic life" if used as intended (in low amounts, in evenings when bees are less active). Nawolsky said part of the reason it is considered safer is that the formula requires smaller doses than other pesticides.

"It's approximately 1/6 of the amount used compared to malathion," he said.

It's safer for people

Compared to malathion, which the World Health Organization suspects could be "probably carcinogenic to humans," deltamethrin is safer for human exposure if used

+ THE BUZZ ABOUT THIS SEASON

Despite the shiny new product on its way, adult mosquito control isn't on the city's radar for the immediate future.

Nawolsky said current trap counts and all other indicators tell him this could be a good summer, which for anyone with blood in their veins means fewer mosquitos than last year.

"So far so good, we haven't had very significant rain — the most was approximately

15 mm, and where there is standing water we're actively treating it," he said. "Barring significant rains we're looking favourable," Nawolsky said.

He explained the probability of adulticiding decreases as the year goes on, but the earliest control programs launch is normally the third week of June, so it's "too early to say" whether DeltaGard will see its inaugural city-wide application this summer.

as intended. Nawolsky said it's not considered a carcinogen, it's not genotoxic or mutagenic, and it isn't easily absorbed through skin. He thinks that may mean fewer people will register for buffer zones.

"Until there is a (control) program announced we won't know if there is a change in attitude towards this product, but my feeling is there will probably be a slight decrease," he said.

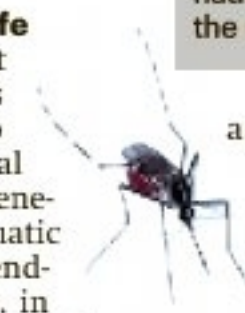
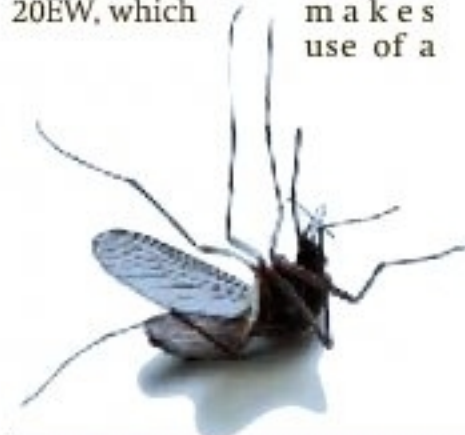
Price is right

DeltaGard is actually twice as expensive as malathion, "but there is a trade-off" Nawolsky said.

"With newer, safer prod-

ucts, the cost is higher," he said.

But still, DeltaGard came at a higher cost within reason. A city report comparing alternatives noted another alternative product, PyrocideULV could cost up to \$500,000 for a single application, compared to \$200,000 for DeltaGard. Winnipeg's 8000 litres, once labelled properly, shipped and received, will be sufficient for up to four city-wide treatments, at a cost of \$51.95 per litre.



TRADE

Pallister, premiers off to U.S.

Several premiers are heading to the United States capital next month to push back against anti-trade sentiment south of the border.

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister says he and several other provincial leaders are to spend June 5-7 in Washington, D.C., to promote the benefits of free trade. He said the trip was prompted in part by President Donald Trump's attempts to change or even scrap the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"We have to do our best to promote a better understanding south of the border of the (trade) relationship," Pallister said Thursday.

"I think it demonstrates clearly to the representatives from around the United States who — whether they are directly involved in the meetings or not — that we value the relationship, that we consider it important and that they should too."

Staff for Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, New Brunswick Premier Brian Gallant and Prince Edward Island's Wade MacLauchlan confirmed Thursday those leaders will attend as well.

"The focus will be on trade generally, with NAFTA taking a front-row seat and 'Buy America' to a degree," read a written statement from Wynne's office.

Pallister would not specify who the premiers plan to meet with. He said the aim is to make sure the benefits of free trade are heard well beyond states near the Canadian border.

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Dynamic duo

The creators of an online course to make sexuality and gender education more accessible at Red River College have been recognized for their work.

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Nora Sobel and Bradley West won a Sustainability Leadership Award for the work they did on developing an online course in sexuality. RED RIVER COLLEGE/CONTRIBUTED

As Red River College staff, Bradley West and Nora Sobel wanted to find an education tool to tackle gender and sexuality issues on campus.

So the duo co-developed an online course to make diversity education more accessible for all staff and students. The Gender and Sexual Diversity Awareness course launched last fall and the pair recently received a school leadership award for their work.

"As a member of the community, as well as an advocate and activist, I knew the powerful role that education and awareness plays in supporting change," said West, the school's diversity initiatives coordinator, who identifies as queer.

So far, it has been a hit, he said.

"Already, we have seen hundreds of staff, faculty and students take part in the course," he said. "For some, it has been the first time they ever encountered discussions like this that are open, respectful, accepting of and celebrating differences and similarities. This is about all of us, not just some of us."

Sobel, an ally to the LGBTQ community and manager of the school's diversity and intercultural services, came up with the idea and applied for the funding that made the online course possible.

The course is offered in six 50-minute modules, and covers topics such as the history of Pride and LGBTQ rights; manifestations of homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, heterosexism; and more.

For some, it has been the first time they ever encountered discussions like this that are open, respectful, accepting of and celebrating differences.

Bradley West

+ METRO ASKS

1 Favourite Pride moment?

Nora Sobel: Pride 2013 was the second time that Red River College participated in the Pride parade.

That year, we had a group of over 60 volunteers representing the college, including students, staff, faculty, and family members, and we all walked proudly along the parade route featuring Red River College red T-shirts and carrying Rainbow flags and a large College banner.

2 Why do you think Pride was important 30 years ago?

Bradley West: Pride was about the personal and the political. It was about claiming space and place for us, who are gender and sexually diverse, to say: "We are here, and we will not shrink back into the darkness of invisibility in order for the rest of you to be comfortable. We have a right to our own stories, spaces and places."

Nora Sobel: To stand proud for our story, our friend's story, our brother's story, our neighbour's story, to write our own stories together.

3 Why do you think Pride is important today?

Bradley West: It is important for all those same reasons. It is critical that we don't forget where it is we began.

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Bike lane still needs work

CYCLING

Crossing remains dangerous, say advocates



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One of the city's best buffered bike lanes still siphons cyclists into a dangerous crossing, despite recent improvements, say some advocates.

Ever since an official active transportation crossing was opened at Main Street and Assiniboine Avenue, users of the vital route felt unsafe pedalling across that point.

Even with the right of way, cyclists crossing in either direction needed to be wary of drivers that wouldn't yield or stop.

On social media, numerous near-misses and scary situations illustrated the danger, attracting some attention from local media, and in mid-April, from the city's transportation manager, Luis Escobar.

One of the more vocal com-



Nic Audette at the unfinished bike lane on the east side of Main Street at Assiniboine Avenue.
LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

muters advocating for safety improvements, Nic Audette, said Escobar addressed concerns in an interview, "and said he was going to look into fixing it."

By the start of May, the city had installed additional traffic signals to the poles on the south side of the crossing to

better emphasize where drivers should be stopping.

Bike Winnipeg executive director Mark Cohoe said those improvements were welcome.

"What they've done now is reinforce the idea you need to stop before that crossing," he said.

But despite the improve-

ment, there are "other issues" both Cohoe and Audette believe are unaddressed.

"They do have an option to add in more signage there," Cohoe said.

Audette echoed the call for more signage, but added that there could be better communication around the city when-

ever cycling increases, as it does with warm weather, or for the commuter challenge, Bike Week, Pride Winnipeg and other festivals coming up.

Even with the existing signage and lights at the intersection, he said he's noticed "vehicles aren't obeying traffic signals."

In May, since the new signals went in, Audette said "there's been a lot of documented cases of cars running through lights, cyclists almost being hit."

Cohoe said the iterative approach to improving safety at the intersection isn't ideal, especially with "traffic increasing," but he gives the city credit for working the problem.

"It's good they've revisited the crossing and are accommodating change," he said.

A city spokesperson said that change hasn't ended yet.

"We are also finalizing plans to enhance road markings to make them more visible and instructive to motorists," said Lisa Fraser in a written statement.

"Further improvements may include additional signage, and some design changes to the intersection are also being considered."

IN BRIEF

Police make third arrest tied to February homicide

Winnipeg police have made a third arrest this week connected to a North End homicide case from nearly four months ago.

On Feb. 6 around 11:15 p.m., officers found Canon Franklin Beardsy, 28, in the 500 block of Magnus Ave. with "multiple serious injuries," they said in a news release.

He was taken to hospital in critical condition and later died. On Thursday, police found a third suspect, Joshua Leclerc, 20. He was arrested and charged with second-degree murder and breach of recognizance. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/METRO

Police identify victim of downtown stabbing

Winnipeg police have identified the victim of a daylight stabbing that happened downtown this week. Around 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jarso Boku Ano was found with an upper-body stab wound.

He has since died from his injuries.

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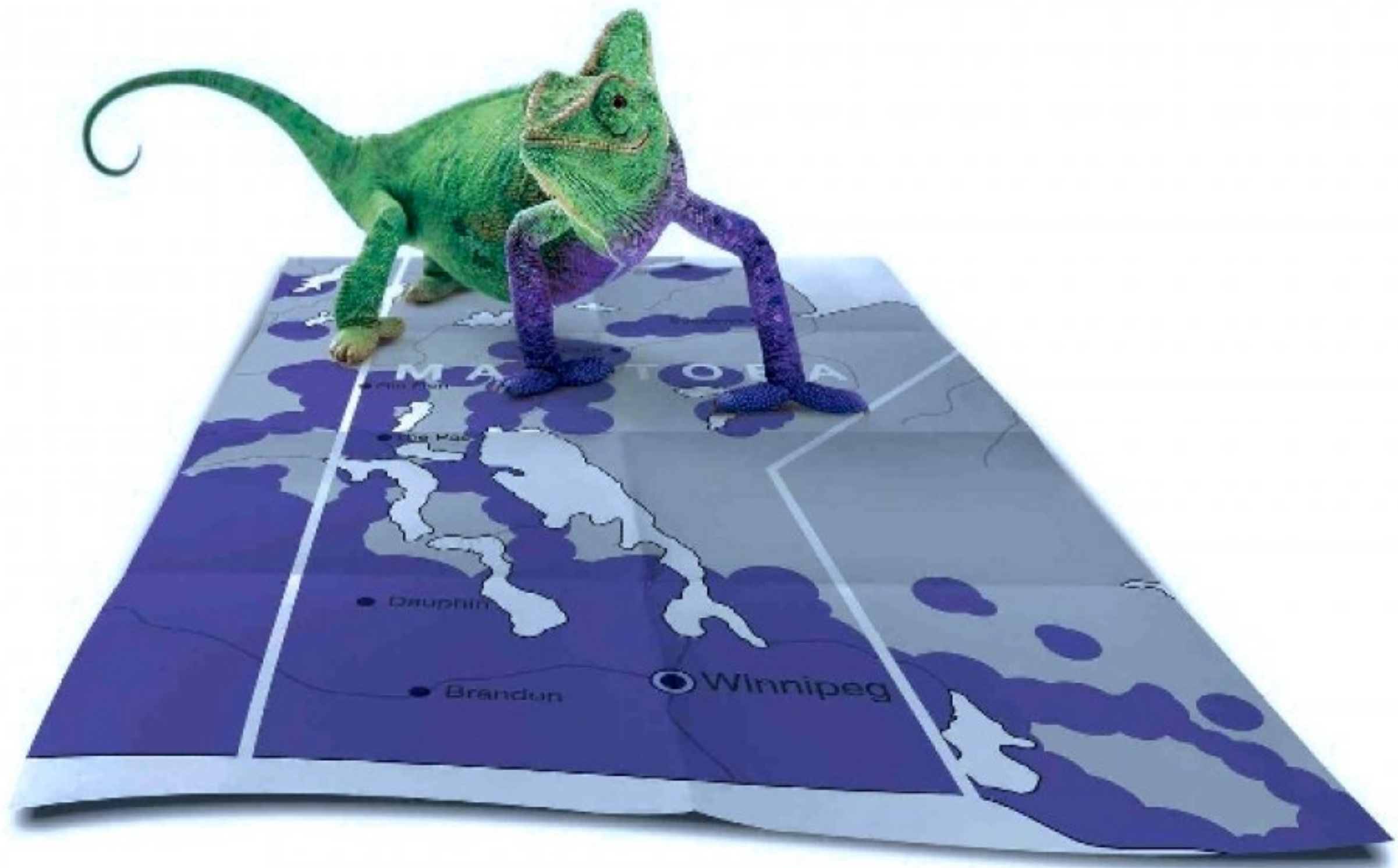
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Furtado to play National Aboriginal Day

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Burnt Project 1, Daniel Roa and Nelson Tagoona also playing



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
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Nelly Furtado is coming to Win-

nipeg for what's being dubbed the largest National Aboriginal Day celebration in history.

Eight cities across Canada are gearing up for a coast-to-coast bash on June 21. Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) will broadcast and livestream the Aboriginal Day Live festivities celebrating Indigenous arts, culture and dance.

In Winnipeg, Furtado will join Juno Award-winning Burnt Project 1, Inuit "throat boxer" Nel-

son Tagoona and francophone pop musician Daniel Roa, among others. The artists are among 70 music and television big-names performing cross-country, including Iskwe, Radio Radio, and Daniel Lanois. Stages will be set up in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Yellowknife, Edmonton, Vancouver and at The Forks in Winnipeg.

APTN's CEO Jean La Rose revealed the lineup Thursday and noted \$2 million is being chipped

in by the federal government to fund the operations ahead of Canada 150.

Dan Vandal, MP for Saint-Boniface-Saint-Vital, spoke at the launch about why it's important for the government to contribute.

"We are committed to our renewed relationship between Canada and Indigenous people and Canada 150 provides the ideal opportunity to reflect on our past and lay the foundations for a brighter future," Vandal said.



MC Redcloud and Crystle Lightning sing as APTN revealed this year's National Aboriginal Day lineup. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/METRO

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5 Things to do this weekend

There is plenty to see, hear and taste in Winnipeg this weekend.

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1 Walk through these doors

Winnipeg is throwing its doors open for a free public event to highlight the city's rich built heritage. On May 27-28, Doors Open Winnipeg will invite the public into 90 buildings of architectural, historical and cultural significance. That number is rounded out by new additions to the annual event, including The Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Minto Armoury, Robinson Building, downtown Hudson's Bay store, Gordon King Memorial United Church and others. Information on all of the participating properties and tours can be found at doorsopenwinnipeg.ca.

2 An ode to Canada's great musicians

Eleanor McCain is giving a musical gift to Canada for the country's 150th anniversary. The ECMA-nominated singer is touring her sixth studio album, True North: The Canadian Songbook, at Centennial Concert Hall. Backed by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, McCain will cover songs by Canadian greats like Leonard Cohen, Neil Young, Gordon Lightfoot and Joni Mitchell. You can catch the show May 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and May 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25.

3 Pride launch

Pride Winnipeg's big 30th anniversary bash launches this weekend, with flag raisings, pow wows, a rooftop patio party at the MTS Centre, art shows and more. There will be tons of events over the 10-day festival, all culminating with the parade on Sunday, June 4. A complete lineup is available at pridewinnipeg.com.

4 Book sale for prisoners

If you love diving into a bin of used books (or freshly baked cookies), then hit up the Book and Bake Sale at 823 Ellice Ave. The icing on the proverbial (or not-so-proverbial) cake: All proceeds will go towards two volunteer-run groups that run services for people in Manitoba's jails and prisons (the Manitoba Library Association's Prison Library Committee, which offers library programs and Bar None, which provides free rides for people looking to visit loved ones in jail or prison). That's between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

5 Breaking Through

It's the last weekend to catch Sarasvati Productions' extensively researched play that delves into the complexities of mental health. Breaking Through is the culmination of stories from almost 400 Winnipeggers who have been affected by mental health issues. Tickets cost \$15 for students and seniors and \$20 for adults. Showings take place at the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film until May 28.

Wright breached conflict rules: Report

POLITICS

Harper's top aide was in ethical wrong, says watchdog

Stephen Harper's former top aide, Nigel Wright, was never charged with a criminal offence, but his efforts to repay \$90,000 of Mike Duffy's Senate expenses were a breach of federal conflict rules, according to a new report.

More than a year after an Ontario criminal court acquitted Duffy in the Senate expenses affair, and four years after the federal Ethics and Conflict of Interest Commissioner began and suspended her investigation, Mary Dawson finally reported Thursday on Wright's role.

She fingered Harper's former chief of staff for ethical blame on two fronts — when he pressed the Conservative party to repay Duffy's bill, and when he decided to do so himself.

Dawson concluded Wright broke the rules for public of-



Nigel Wright, former Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, leaves the courthouse after his testimony at the trial of Mike Duffy on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

fice holders that prohibited him from making decisions that would further another person's private interests — Duffy's — and barred him from influencing the decisions of anyone else, such as the Conservative

party's chief bagman Irving Gerstein, to further Duffy's interests.

There is no penalty for violating those two sections of the act.

"The only sanction is the negative publicity resulting from the release of the examination report," Dawson's office said.

Dawson's report is a politically difficult one for the Conservative party as it struggles to move on from the Harper era, and a personally difficult one for Wright, now a London-based financier.

"My intention throughout was to ensure that the taxpayer was repaid for Sen. Duffy's expenses. I have always believed, and still believe, that my effort to get those funds repaid was in the public interest. We'll take the time to review and understand the report," said Wright in a statement issued Thursday by his lawyers.

Wright was never charged for making a payment to Duffy, though Duffy was charged and acquitted of accepting a bribe.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayors call for action on opioid crisis



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's big city mayors want tangible action taken in the country's fight against the opioid crisis, and they want the federal government to take the lead.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the country needs a clear road map for fighting the crisis that includes targets for reducing overdoses and fatalities and regular reporting on relevant statistics.

"We want to make sure the federal government pulls together an action table that treats this like a national emergency," said Robertson. He said all levels of government can help, but the federal government needs to be at the table ensuring the work gets done. Robertson led a task force of mayors from across the country. In addition to some of the measures the government has already brought in, the mayors are calling for more opioid substitution programs and better data on the crisis.

Robertson said that while Brit-

ish Columbia — where the crisis has been most pronounced — is tracking numbers, not all parts of the country are doing the same. Ontario released new data on opioid fatalities this week, but the data is a year behind.

The government has taken some of the steps the mayors called for, including, most recently, passing legislation that reduces the wait time for approval of a supervised-consumption site. Health Minister Jane Philpott's press secretary Andrew MacKendrick said the minister is prepared to do more.

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The Queen visits survivors

MANCHESTER ATTACK

Teens recovering from shrapnel wounds chat with monarch

Queen Elizabeth II met Thursday with children injured in the Manchester concert bombing, consoling them and pronouncing the attack at an event attended by so many young people "wicked."

The 91-year-old monarch visited Evie Mills, 14, Millie Robson, 15, and other youngsters recovering from severe shrapnel wounds at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

"It's dreadful. Very wicked, to target that sort of thing," the Queen told Evie and her parents.

Millie, wearing an Ariana Grande T-shirt, told the Queen she had won VIP tickets to the pop star's Monday night concert at Manchester Arena and had been injured in the bombing attack after the end of the show. The teenager said she felt fortunate to have survived.

"I have a few, like, holes in my legs and stuff, and I have a bit of a cut, and my arm and just a bit here, but compared



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, right, speaks to Millie Robson, 15, and her mother, Marie, as she visits the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital to meet victims of the terror attack.

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to other people I'm quite lucky really," she said.

The Queen broke her normal custom of wearing a matching outfit by visiting the children in a blue coat topped with a jaunty orange hat — as if to try to lighten the gloom.

Elizabeth told Millie she thought Ariana Grande was a "very good singer," adding, "She sounds very, very good."

Millie was one of 12 children under the age of 16 taken to Royal Manchester Children's Hospital by ambulance after the

blast that killed 22 people and the suspected bomber.

She said she was walking toward the exit to meet her father when the bomb went off. She remembers the explosion, an intense ringing in her ears, and people screaming. Millie didn't know it right away, but she was bleeding badly from her legs.

"My dad ran over to me and picked me up and then like, we tied jumpers (sweaters) and stuff around the main wounds in my leg," she recalled Thursday. "He just picked me and we ran out-

INVESTIGATION

The number of arrests in the U.K. ticked up to eight as British Transport Police said armed officers would begin patrols on some trains because of an increased threat of terrorism.

After Salman Abedi's mother and three of his siblings were questioned in Libya, an official told of a final phone call Abedi placed to his mother and brother just before the attack. On that call, he purportedly told his mother: "Forgive me."

side and then a lot of paramedics outside and strangers were just helping us, really."

It was a parent's nightmare. Her father, David Robson, said he was with his partner waiting for Millie when the explosion happened.

"I saw Millie, at the bottom of the stairs, I just ran down, picked her up," Robson said.

Emergency teams eventually helped treat Millie and got her to the hospital. She was well enough to enjoy the Queen's visit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIGEST

UNITED STATES

Court deals blow to Trump's travel ban

President Donald Trump's revised travel ban "speaks with vague words of national security, but in context drips with religious intolerance, animus and discrimination," a federal appeals court said Thursday in a ruling against the ban that targets six Muslim-majority countries.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that blocks the Republican administration from temporarily suspending new visas for people from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. AP

PHILIPPINES

Soldiers try to reclaim city under extremists' siege

Backed by tanks and rocket-firing helicopters, Philippine troops launched "precision attacks" Thursday to clear extremists linked to Daesh from a city that has been under siege.

Rebels have torn through the streets of Marawi since Tuesday night, torching buildings, taking a priest and his worshippers hostage and sealing off much of the city. President Rodrigo Duterte imposed 60 days of martial law Tuesday on the island of Mindanao. AP

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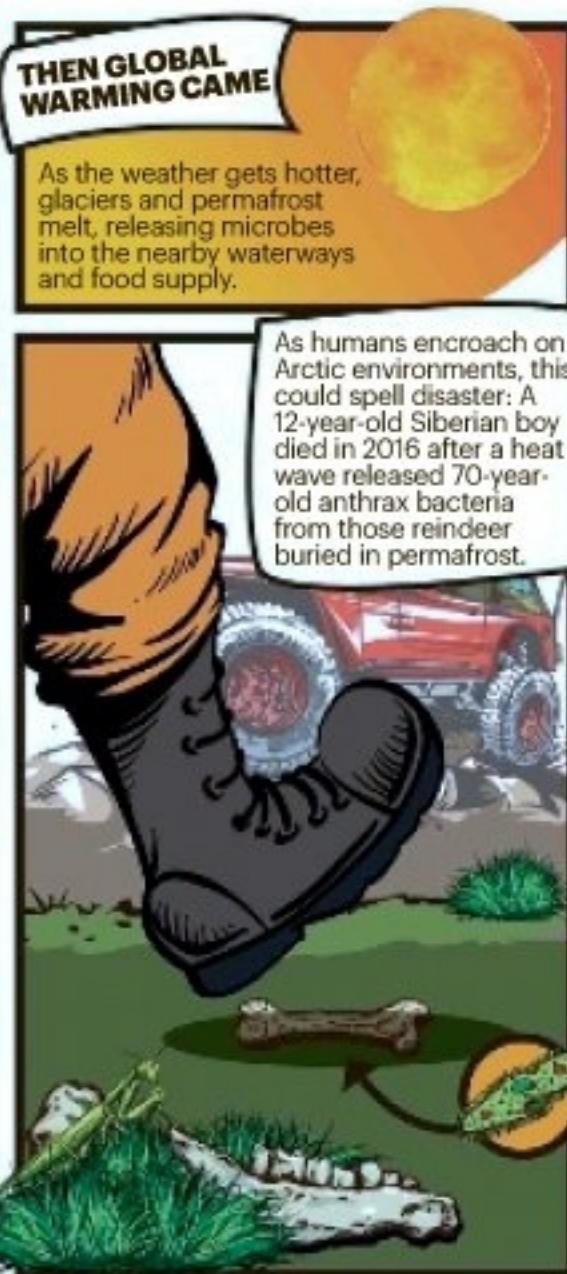
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FINDINGS

Your week in science



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What looks like a cross between a penguin and a great white shark and is the size of a school bus? **Luskhan itilensis**, a brand new species of plesiosaur, an aquatic dinosaur nearly perfectly preserved for 130 million years within the banks of Russia's Volga River. It has four large flippers, a five-foot skull, and powerful jaws that made it the dominant predator in its day. Itilensis has a slender snout like a river dolphin's, proving this tribe of sea monsters is much more diverse than once believed.

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Deborah's fridge is so gross, it probably has more **biomass** than the whole ocean!



CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Is extra-sensory perception real?

Is ESP real?
- A.M., Toronto

The existence of extra-sensory perception, a.k.a. the ability of humans to supernaturally sense the future, has been established by accepted research methods, validated by statistics and the results published in reputable journals. And that means ESP is real. Psych! Sorry, couldn't resist. Most legitimate scientists, agree ESP isn't real. But, that stuff about research and stats

and journals to prove it is true. That reveals very little about ESP, but a lot about the **reproducibility crisis** in psychology. A 2015 study in *Science* found only about a third of experimental results in psychology can be successfully replicated. Why? It's not fraud (usually). It's failing to release studies with negative or unclear results, which makes published studies appear more significant. It's using the same

data to generate and prove your hypothesis. It's designing an experiment, carrying it out, finding nothing, then changing the research question and scanning the data for anything that looks significant. That's how random blips look like "proof" people can intuit which card is the three of clubs based on gut feeling. This is starting to change. Journals are encouraging researchers to publish in-depth explanations of methods before they begin experiments.

And there's more interest in repeating past research, a traditionally unsexy task. I won't believe ESP is real until someone demonstrates a real reason; not random chance, misleading math, or people picking up on experimenters' body language. Perhaps that makes me closed-minded. But I think closing your mind against ridiculous notions is a good thing.

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War Machine an 'emotional journey'

INTERVIEW

Topher Grace talks his latest project

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Topher Grace doesn't need me to put words in his mouth, but in this one instance I'm going to.

I recently sat down with the former *That '70s Show* star to talk about his new Netflix movie, *War Machine*. Based on the Michael Hastings New York Times bestseller *The Operators*, it fictionalizes the real-life career implosion of General Stanley McChrystal. An article in *Rolling Stone* that reported on McChrystal's disappointment with Obama and his policies undid the General's distinguished career. In the film, he is renamed Gen. Glen McMahon and played by Brad Pitt, who also produced the film.

"What I love so much about the film [director and writer David Michôd] made," said Grace, "and it was in the script but I really felt it when I saw the film, is the emotional journey. That is so hard to get into a war movie. Anyone who is willing to watch it understands it on

an emotional level, which is a much more effective way to communicate to the audience than just using facts."

Here's where I chime in. "I think that when you have a very specific story it can become universal because of the emotions," I said. "None of us will find ourselves in that particular situation but all of us, at some time in our lives, will end up in a mess of some kind. It's relatable."

"That's what I meant to say," said Grace with a laugh. "Can you quote yourself and use that?" Consider it done.

Grace plays Matt Little, McMahon's civilian press adviser. He's young, brash, and, according to Grace, not the sharpest knife in the drawer.

"What is the definition of an idiot?" he asks. "Is it knowing you don't know but still going ahead anyway? I don't think it is, but that's who he is."

"On the first day, I popped my collar up and the military advisor said, 'They don't do that in the military.' The director said, 'No, no, no! He's playing an idiot. He would totally have his collar popped up.'"

The 38-year-old actor says despite the story's timely nature and the inclusion of a character based on recently disgraced National Security Advisor Mike Flynn, the film isn't political.

"I want people to check their politics at the door and take the emotional ride of what it would feel like to be in that position."

"The really cool thing is that it is not an American telling the story. David is a great talent out of Australia and no matter what, he brings a non-American POV. The fact that it can be that heightened in terms of humour at some points and so real when they are out on the battlefield is really great. He told me he wanted to make a war film before Brad's company sent him the book but he couldn't think of a way to do a war film that didn't glorify war. This does not glorify war."

It may not be political but Grace says it is timely.

"We made it in Obama's America," he explained. "It's crazy releasing it now. It is timelier than when we shot it. I haven't been on a lot of projects that were like that."



Topher Grace stars as a fictionalised version of former U.S. General Stanley McChrystal in *War Machine*, a movie he says is far more than a standard war film. TORSTAR



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Baywatch ★★★
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In *Baywatch*, villainous Victoria Leeds (Priyanka Chopra), a club owner whose ambitions for Emerald Bay include some very sinister side activities. FRANK MASI/PARAMOUNT PICTURES VIA AP

Even The Rock's biceps can't lift up Baywatch

MOVIES

Lacklustre comedy falls mostly flat

Of this, dear moviegoer, rest assured: Dwayne Johnson's biceps still ripple and glisten in the sunlight. So do his triceps, pecs, abs, delts, quads, lats and the other 600 or so muscles of the human body.

And that charismatic, multi-million dollar grin? Still there, too. But the dude isn't a magician. And only a true magician could find a way to make something light and fun and fresh out of the unwieldy, derivative and mostly unfunny endeavour that is *Baywatch*.

Now, maybe the filmmakers weren't thinking light and fun and fresh. They opted to make an R-rated film, upping the raunch factor of the '90s TV series starring David Hasselhoff and a slo-mo running Pamela Anderson. But the R rating doesn't mean they've

gone all dark and deep; it just seems to mean lots of raunchy language, humping gags and extended crotch shots. That last category includes a centerpiece scene in which our two leading men, Johnson and Zac Efron, play around with a penis on a corpse in a morgue. Yes, that's actually what they do.

Let's try to wipe that image out of our brains now, shall we? *Baywatch*, directed by Seth Gordon, begins by establishing the heart and brawn of our main guy, Mitch Buchannon, leader of the Baywatch squad and hometown hero. We see him hurtling into the water to save a kitesurfer from certain death. Running along the beach, he ducks into a basketball game to expertly block a shot. He passes an adoring beachgoer building an elaborate sand sculpture of him.

But his PR-obsessed boss needs to embellish the *Baywatch* brand, so he brings in a new guy - Matt Brody (Efron), a gold-medal Olympic swimmer who has a bit of an attitude problem (any resem-

blance to Ryan Lochte, including mouth grill, is totally intentional.) It seems that after a night of drinking at the Olympics, Brody vomited in the pool and ruined his team's chance to win the relay. He may not be a team player, but he IS ripped, and so, after Brody shows up on his motorcycle looking all James Dean, shirts come off and we get our obligatory macho competition, which includes lifting two refrigerators at once. "This has nothing to do with saving people!" complains Brody. Mitch grunts back: "This is *Baywatch*!"

In any case, Brody joins the squad, which includes sexy blonde CJ (Kelly Rohrbach, running slowly), ambitious Summer (Alexandra Daddario), Mitch's co-leader Stephanie (Ilfenesh Hadera), and Ronnie (Jon Bass), chubby and awkward, in the young Jonah Hill role.

Now, if you never saw the TV show, a key point of the plot - though plot is definitely NOT key - is that these lifeguards don't just save kids in deep waters. They're

also crime-solvers. So when a city councilman ends up dead in a boat fire, they figure out pretty fast that he was murdered.

But why? Could this have anything to do with villainous Victoria Leeds (Priyanka Chopra), a club owner whose ambitions for Emerald Bay include some very sinister side activities? And can the squad manage to solve the case and stay alive?

It eventually gets wearisome, despite the best efforts of Efron and especially Johnson, who can enliven any scene. His disdainful mocking of Efron's character is one of the more amusing themes, especially the nicknames he uses: "Hey, One Direction." "Yo, 'N Sync." Best of all: "High School Musical."

But darned if that quick reference to Efron's breakout franchise doesn't make you all nostalgic for some old-fashioned entertainment that didn't rely on F-bombs, crude anatomical references, or toying with a corpse. (Sorry to bring that up again, but, UGH.)

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Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and company are back for *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*. CONTRIBUTED

Reviewers want these pirates to walk the plank

FILM

Pirates 5 seems desperate, looks destined to sink at box office

Captain Jack Sparrow might be a household name, but despite the cultural clout, the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise has gone adrift.

In some ways, it's been a series of diminishing returns, and they're not done yet. As the fifth film, *Dead Men Tell No Tales*, prepares to set sail

Friday, it's already facing a few hurdles, including a changed blockbuster landscape, a star with a diminished profile and a six-year gap between installments.

In 2003 *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* washed ashore like a revelation — Walt Disney Studios had made a good movie based on a theme park ride, and created an iconic (and money-making) character for Johnny Depp in the process. Fourteen years later things look quite different.

The films, which have earned \$3.7 billion globally, got progressively worse in qual-

ity, and, after the second, *Dead Man's Chest*, began to fall off in domestic box office returns too (worldwide earnings inched past \$1 billion for the fourth, *On Stranger Tides*, however).

Disney has also become a different kind of studio, with their pricey but profitable acquisitions of Marvel Studios and Lucasfilm, in addition to their recent successes transforming their animated classics into live-action blockbusters.

And yet, *Pirates of the Caribbean* soldiers on, and *Dead Men Tell No Tales* has some tricks up its sleeve. With fresh directors at the helm in Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg, the filmmakers have made a good effort to return to the spirit of the first film with a new, young cast in Brenton Thwaites and Kaya Scodelario, a return of both Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley and an Oscar-winning villain in Javier Bardem.

"The actors have worked with Disney and Jerry for many years to make this movie happen. One of the things they were worried about was to bring real characters," said Bardem. "I think they brought a different heart to it."

While early buzz was good for *Dead Men Tell No Tales*, critics have been less kind in their full reviews. The Associated Press' Mark Kennedy called it a "weary, battered fifth chapter" that "lurches into theatres

this summer high on CGI tricks but with a hopelessly muddled plot and recurring characters basically running on fumes."

"After this fifth episode, you'll wish Disney would just declare the franchise dead and tell no more tales," Kennedy wrote.

Depp, too, following a string of flops and missteps, has been scrutinized for recent messy personal issues, including his divorce from actress Amber Heard.

In January, on the same day the pair finalized their divorce, Depp sued his former business managers seeking more than \$25 million accusing them of grossly mismanaging his finances.

Depp's ex-managers have vehemently denied the actor's allegations, saying they tried to warn the actor that his spending on lavish properties, vintage vehicles and other items was to blame. They contend Depp's lifestyle cost more than \$2 million a month to maintain. Whether or not the franchise will go on remains to be seen. Much of it likely depends on Depp.

Despite all this, tracking suggests that *Pirates 5* could bring in around \$80 million less of the series. Ultimately the fate of the franchise, and Depp's box office power, is in the hands of the ticket buyers.

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Kidman's call for female directors

REPRESENTATION

4.2 per cent of 2016's major films helmed by women

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Nicole Kidman, the most visible actress at the 2017 Cannes Film Festival, made an impassioned pitch Wednesday for more female directors of movies and TV shows as she criticized the slow pace of change in male-dominated Hollywood.

Speaking at a morning press conference following the world premiere of Sofia Coppola's *The Beguiled*, a star-studded remake of a 1971 Southern Gothic drama steeped in male vs. female tensions, Kidman rattled off statistics showing how rare a film like this is.



Nicole Kidman stars in new *The Beguiled*. GETTY IMAGES

Just 4.2 per cent of the major motion pictures of 2016 were directed by women, she said, and in the same year only 183 of the more than 4,000 episodes of TV were female-helmed. The situa-

tion isn't much better for the current Palme d'Or contest at Cannes, where *The Beguiled* is one of just three films directed by women among the 19 competing for the Palme.

"We as women have to support female directors," Kidman said.

"That's just a given now. Hopefully, that will change over time. Everyone keeps saying, 'Oh, it's so different now.' It isn't. Listen to that."

The Beguiled aims to improve the situation a bit by offering a woman's take on a classic film previously shot from a male perspective: Don Siegel's 1971 original, starring Clint Eastwood in the role of a wounded Union soldier during the Civil War who finds both refuge and intrigue at a Southern all-girls school.

Farrell has Eastwood's role in the remake while Kidman plays the school's take-charge headmistress, a role previously played by Geraldine Page.

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Widow pens letter to late Chris Cornell

IN MEMORY

Message of support comes days after the star's death

Chris Cornell's widow has penned a letter addressed to the late Soundgarden frontman days after he took his own life. Vicky Cornell writes in the note published online by Billboard on Wednesday that she's sorry

she didn't "see what happened to you that night." Cornell was pronounced dead on May 18 after being found unresponsive in his Detroit hotel room.

"I'm sorry you were alone, and I know that was not you, my sweet Christopher. Your children know that too, so you can rest in peace," she wrote.

The Wayne County medical examiner's office said the 52-year-old Cornell hanged himself. A full autopsy and results of toxicology tests are pending, and Vicky Cornell has said the singer may have

taken more of an anti-anxiety drug than he was prescribed.

"I'm broken, but I will stand up for you and I will take care of our beautiful babies. I will think of you every minute of every day and I will fight for you," Vicky Cornell wrote. "You were right when you said we are soulmates. It has been said that paths that have crossed will cross again, and I know that you will come find me, and I will be here waiting."

Cornell's funeral is set for Friday in Los Angeles in a private service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Chris (left) and Vicky Cornell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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AN OLYMPIC GYMNAST AND A PLAYBOY MODEL

1 Aly Raisman calls out airport worker for 'muscles' comment

Three-time Olympic gold medallist Aly Raisman is calling out an airport security worker who she says questioned whether she had enough muscles to be a gymnast.

Raisman posted on Twitter on Wednesday that after a female Transportation Security Administration worker said she recognized Raisman by her biceps, a male employee said, "I don't see any muscles." Raisman called the encounter "rude & uncomfortable."

Raisman, who turned 23 Thursday, says she works "very hard to be healthy & fit." She says that if a man can't compliment a girl's muscles, he's sexist.

Raisman didn't say where or when the airport exchange took place.

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2 Playmate pleads no contest for online body shaming

Dani Mathers earned fame

posing as a nude model. She gained notoriety on the other side of the camera when she snapped a photo of an unwitting and unwilling subject — a naked 71-year-old woman in a gym locker room.

Mathers, 30, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor invasion of privacy in Los Angeles County Superior Court for the so-called body shaming case. Although she didn't admit guilt, the plea is recorded as a conviction.

The victim, who was not in court, was humiliated by the cruel act, prosecutors said. "Body shaming can devastate its subject," Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer said. "People are mocked, they're humiliated and in ways they can never fully get back."

Mathers, a petite blonde, had apologized for taking the photo at an LA Fitness club in July and posting it on Snapchat with the caption: "If I can't unsee this then you can't either."

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PET LIFE

Pets sniff out the freshest food

The Village Pet has two very highly regarded product testers. Owners Derek and Amanda Palson don't stock anything at their independently-run Osborne Village pet store that hasn't been approved by their own pets Otto and Ira Katz, the shop's in-store kitty.

"We're a family-run company and there's nothing in our store that we wouldn't give to our own pets," says Derek of the shop that's celebrating its third year in the Village at 216 Osborne St. this year. "We've become part of the Village community — it's the perfect place for an independent, family-run business."

"We're the neighbourhood pet store and we're proud of that."

The Palsons and store manager Barb are all pet lovers, meaning The Village Pet only stocks the highest quality food, brands like Champion Petfoods — an Alberta-based company that makes dog and cat foods from fresh, never frozen, regional ingredients — and Canadian-based Horizon Pet Food, which makes premium dry dog and cat food.

The Village Pet has also expanded into raw pet foods, selling both Ontario-based Bold Raw, and Primal Pet Foods dog and cat foods.

"We're focusing on down-to-earth, holistic products," says Derek. "We've got everything from frozen bones and turkey necks to goat's



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milk, which is a very good pro-biotic."

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1 Palm Island

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Petit St. Vincent

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2 Young Island

Young Island is the most northerly island in the Grenadine chain, just south of mainland St. Vincent. Head to Young Island Resort for a lush getaway on the 5.3-hectare private island. Each cottage has an ocean view, with some offering private plunge pools and gazebos. Prep your palate for its famous freshly baked six loaves of breads presented to you at your table daily at lunch and dinner. The breads include white, coconut, banana, raisin, cinnamon and wheat. (My vote is for the cinnamon.) Details: youngisland.com



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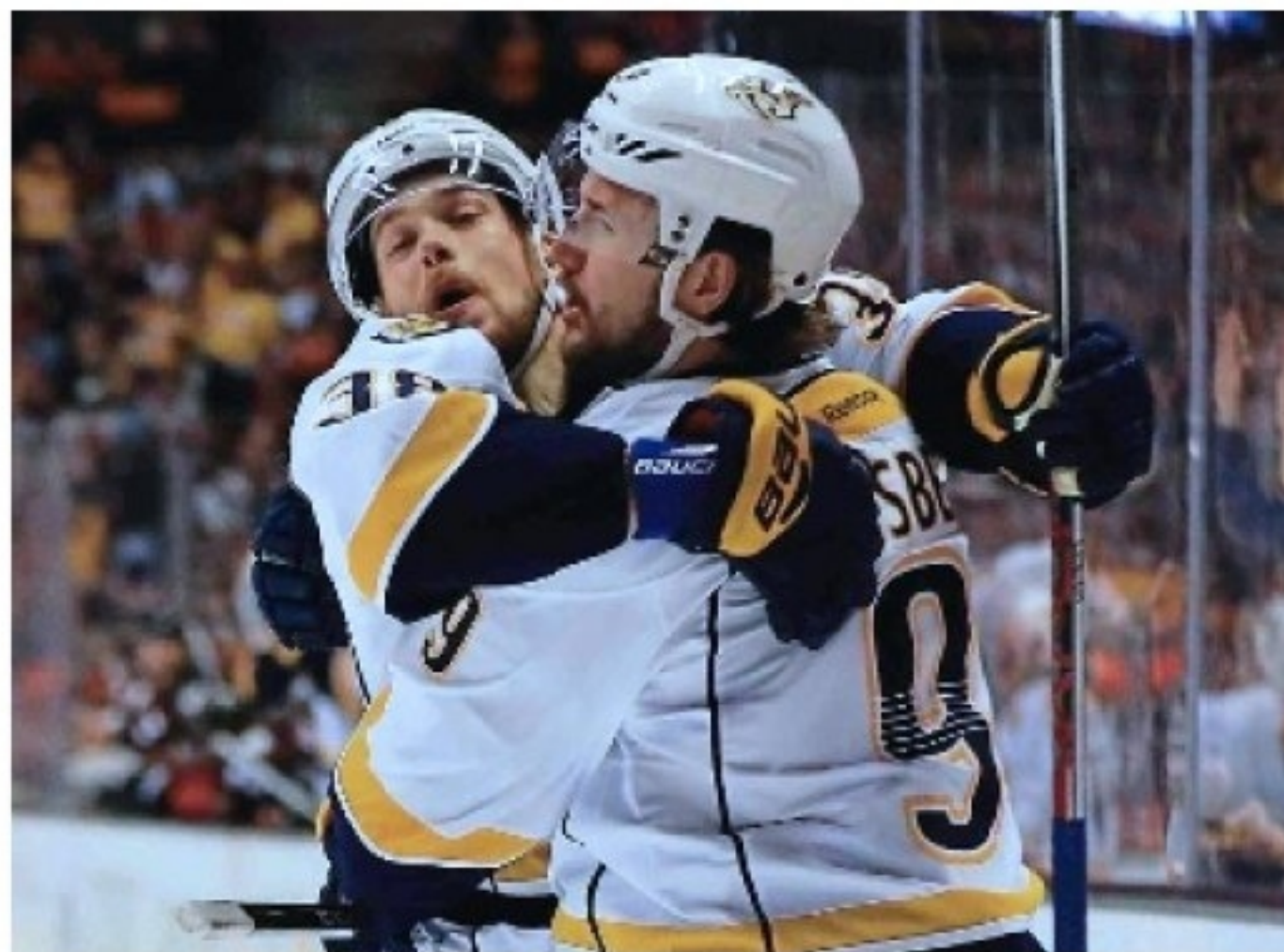
Players from Scandinavian nation having a bigger impact

Filip Forsberg is having quite the spring for the Nashville Predators, setting franchise records with his eight goals and 15 points. He's tied the team mark with at least a point in seven straight games.

Pontus Aberg scored the game-winning goal to put Nashville up 3-2 in the Western Conference final, while defenceman Mattias Ekholm has been smothering top lines all post-season. Viktor Arvidsson has 10 points, and his plus-13 rating ties him with Anaheim's Rickard Rakell for second-best this post-season — behind Forsberg (plus-17).

All five of these players are Swedish. It has been a sweet post-season for players from a nation whose players once were derided for being soft and not able to handle the rigours of the NHL. In all, general manager David Poile has six Swedes on Nashville's playoff roster as the Predators reached the Stanley Cup final for the first time in their 19-year history.

"I must admit we haven't gone

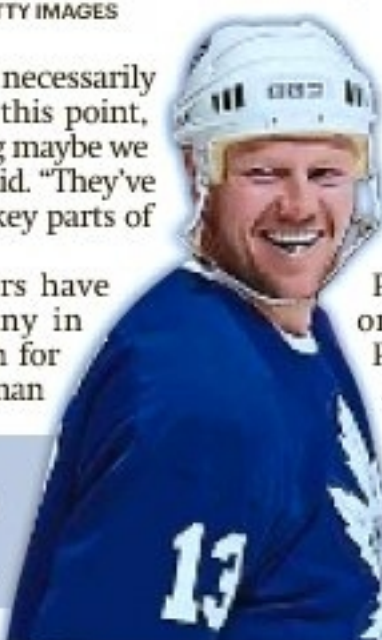


Viktor Arvidsson, left, and Filip Forsberg are two of six Predators from Sweden.

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out of the way necessarily to get them to this point, but I'm thinking maybe we should," Poile said. "They've certainly been key parts of our team."

The Predators have lots of company in mining Sweden for talent. Defenceman



Erik Karlsson is one of four Swedes playing for Ottawa in the Eastern Conference final, while former Nashville forward Patric Hornqvist is one of three for the Pittsburgh Penguins. A check of NHL rosters shows 79 skaters and 10 goalies from Sweden played during the regular season, with 40 appearing in at least

one playoff game.

Anaheim coach Randy Carlyle said Sweden has become a hockey power for a small country. Teammates with Borje Salming and Inge Hammarstrom in 1976 in Toronto, Carlyle saw the abuse directed at both.

"That was a little bit more barbaric or archaic times of hockey," Carlyle said. "But that's how much the game has grown, and it has become a world-class game. And these players are world-class players and now you're looking at their contri-

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We haven't gone out of the way necessarily to get them to this point, but I'm thinking maybe we should.

Predators GM David Poile

bution and the numbers that are in the NHL, it's all a tribute back to those two players."

Pittsburgh forward Carl Hagelin said Thursday that it's a very good time to be a Swedish hockey player, noting Sweden beat Canada 2-1 in a shootout Sunday night for the world hockey championship. Each NHL team seems have two or three Swedes on the roster.

Yes, they do keep track of their countrymen during the regular season. In the playoffs, all friendships are put aside.

"In the playoffs, you just play to win games," Hagelin said.

Having a Swedish teammate in the NHL means being able to relax and talk with each other in the same language. It's also a little easier to get tips on what to do and not do to ensure a long stay in the league.

"Everybody wants to play here, and everybody wants to make the best out of it if you ever get the chance," Rakell said.

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IN BRIEF

Ronaldo could face tax-fraud charges in Spain

Spanish prosecutors are considering whether Cristiano Ronaldo should face charges over allegations by the country's tax agency that he defrauded the authorities of 15 million euros between 2011 and 2014.

The alleged irregularities were mostly related to money that Ronaldo had in the Virgin Islands.

Barcelona's Lionel Messi was convicted of tax fraud last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blues hire Ott as a coach

The St. Louis Blues have hired Steve Ott to be an assistant coach on Mike Yeo's staff.

General manager Doug Armstrong announced the move Thursday, a little over a month after Ott's final game as a player with the Montreal Canadiens.

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Cricketer: I drove drunk because of dead pet parrot

A New Zealand cricket player offered this explanation for a drunken driving offence — he was rushing home to console his girlfriend over a dead parrot.

The lawyer for Doug Bracewell says the cricketer was attending a social function when his "distracted" girlfriend called. She says their pet cockatoo was killed by dogs they were minding for a friend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mats Sundin is the all-time leading scorer among Swedes in the NHL with 1,349 points.

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Kerr's background work helping Dubs

NBA PLAYOFFS

Warriors' ill coach still a doubt to be on bench at Finals

Steve Kerr is involved in just about everything but the actual game-day coaching for the Golden State Warriors — film session, coaches meetings, game-planning and practice.

He's just not yet ready from a health standpoint to be back on the bench with the start of the NBA Finals a week away.

General manager Bob Myers made the announcement Thursday, though he didn't rule out Kerr returning at some point if he somehow is healthy enough to do so — though that doesn't appear promising at this stage.

"If he feels better and we have to make those decisions, we will, but right now we're not putting any deadlines on should he feel better what will we do," Myers said. "It'll be based on what day it is, how exactly he feels, how long he's felt well. I should be saying this with more emotion because it's hard for me. I'm kind of in this basketball mode but he's a person and he's not feeling well and that's what makes it hard."

"It's painful, and I know it's



It is unsure if Warriors coach Steve Kerr will be courtside for the Finals. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

painful for him more than anybody."

Kerr was there as his team returned to practice following a two-day break after completing a four-game sweep of the Spurs on Monday night to improve to 12-0 this post-season. Myers noted that "just having him in the building and around is very powerful."

The 51-year-old Kerr underwent a procedure May 5 to repair a spinal fluid leak stemming from complications after two back surgeries in 2015, after the Warriors won their first championship in 40 years during his first season as coach.

While people have asked Kerr whether he should step away, Myers knows that's not the immediate answer.

"This is his sanctuary. Even



This is his sanctuary. Even though he's suffering, being at home or being removed is actually harder if we can understand that, because this is his joy.

Warriors GM Bob Myers on Kerr helping the team

though he's suffering, being at home or being removed is actually harder if we can understand that, because this is his joy," the GM said. "Even though it's a muted joy right now, this is the best thing that he feels. This is his fulfillment."

Kerr returned to practice May 13 after more than three weeks off the court, and he hasn't coached the Warriors on the bench since Game 2 of the first round against Portland. He then travelled for the Western Confer-

ence final to San Antonio and has been watching games from behind the scenes, speaking to the team beforehand and during halftime. Acting coach Mike Brown has been leading Golden State during Kerr's absence.

It's unclear how well the latest procedure worked for Kerr, who missed the initial 43 games last season dealing with debilitating symptoms such as headaches and nausea that have returned throughout this season.

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May 5

The date Steve Kerr underwent a procedure to repair a spinal fluid leak stemming from complications after two back surgeries in 2015.

MLB

Mariners beat Nats to end 5-game skid

Nelson Cruz greeted reliever Jacob Turner with a go-ahead, three-run homer in the sixth inning, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Washington Nationals 4-2 Thursday to stop a five-game losing streak.

Gio Gonzalez took a 2-0 lead into the sixth, when Jean Segura singled leading off and Guillermo Heredia took a called third strike. Robinson Cano singled and Washington manager Dusty Baker brought in Turner (2-3) and Cruz drove a belt-high slid-

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er over the fence in left-centre for his 12th homer this season and a 3-2 lead. Cruz leads the AL with 40 RBIs.

Cano added an RBI single off Turner in the seventh.

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IN BRIEF

Cubs easily topple Giants

Kris Bryant, Jason Heyward and Ben Zobrist hit solo homers, spot starter Eddie Butler pitched five effective innings and the Chicago Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants 5-1 on Thursday for their third straight win.

Mike Montgomery followed with four scoreless innings and allowed one hit in his first save. Heyward went deep and Zobrist added two singles as the Cubs took three of four games in a set with the Giants and finished a homestand at 7-2.

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Raps score draft pick from Magic for GM's release

The Toronto Raptors acquired a future second-round draft pick from the Orlando Magic on Thursday in exchange for the contractual release of Jeff Weltman.

The Magic named Weltman as president of basketball operations Tuesday.

Weltman had worked in the Raptors' front office since 2013 and was promoted to general manager last September.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Flavourful Turkey and Gruyere Burgers



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Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix the turkey meat with the onion, cheese herbes de Provence and salt. Form into 6 patties or 8-10 sliders. Preheat your grill.

2. Cook the patties on the grill or in a frying pan over medium heat for about 10 minutes, flipping once, and then cook for another 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the grill or frying pan when the patties have an internal temperature of 180 F.

3. Serve on fresh buns with your family's favourite fixings.

Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground lean turkey meat
- 1/4 cup finely diced onion (or sometimes I drop the onion in my food processor and process it so it's more a paste so little ones don't want to pick it out of their burgers)
- 1/2 cup finely diced
- Gruyere cheese
- 3 Tbsp herbes de Provence

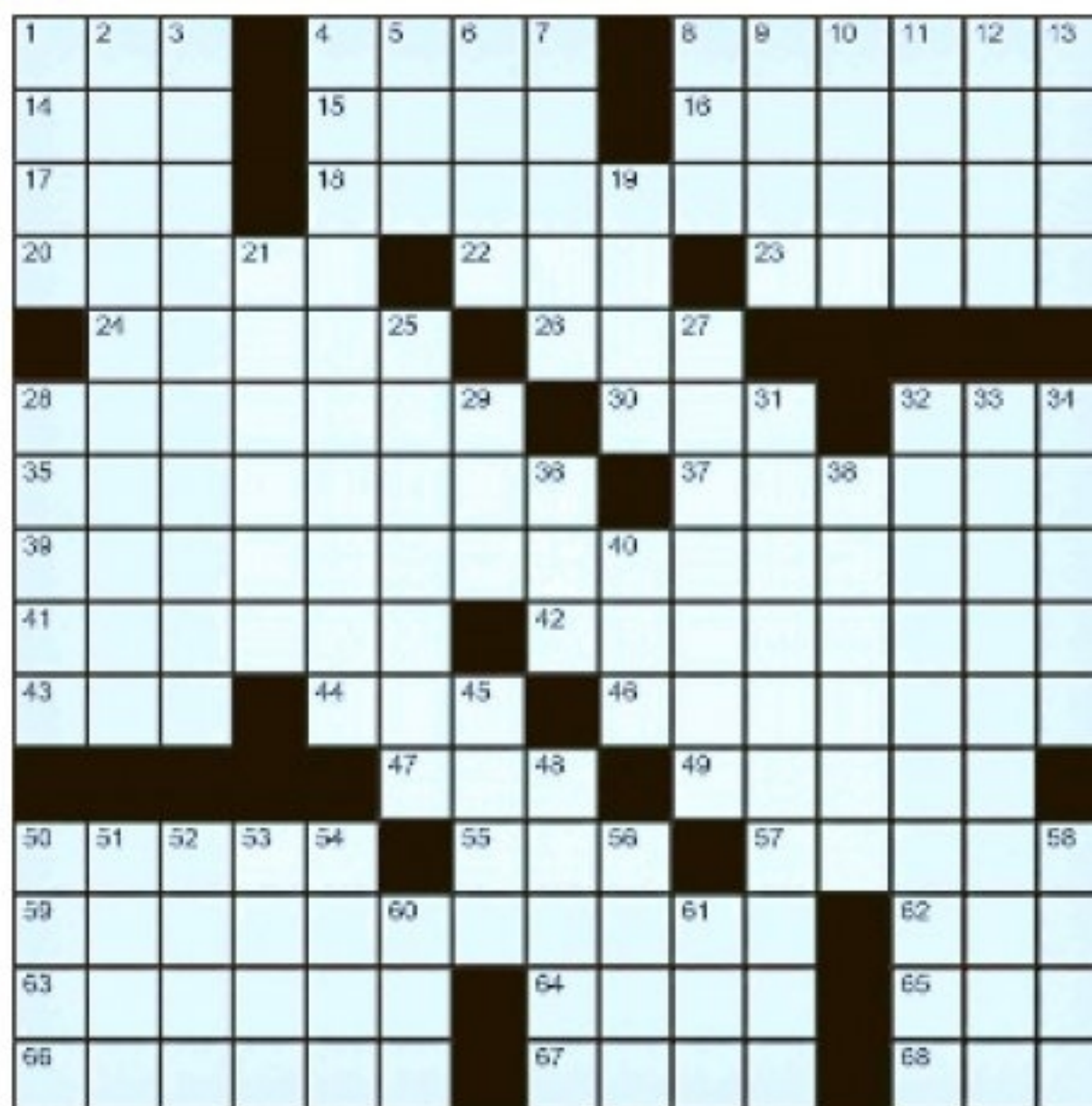
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- Thicket
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- "Rio __" (1970)
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- Canned fruit name
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- Singer Ms. Gomez's
- Nationalist
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- Greek alphabet letters
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- Fall
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- Authorize
- Ms. Farrow

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Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a positive day! You're full of mental energy and enthusiasm. All of your relationships with others will be upbeat and energetic.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to boost your income or make intelligent decisions about how you earn your money. You might shop till you drop today!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a strong day for you. Both the Sun and the Moon are in your sign, and the Moon is dancing with Mars and Venus. This energizes you in a wonderful way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Even though you are working behind the scenes today, you will be charming with bosses, parents and others. It's quite likely that someone will seek your advice about how to make something look better.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel for pleasure will please you today. A friend or member of a group might help you make this dream come true.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are high-viz at this time, because the Sun is at the top of your chart. Plus, your ambition is aroused! This is an excellent day to discuss shared property and inheritances.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Discussions about politics, religion and racial issues will be lively and intelligent today. You have focus, and you know what you want to achieve.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you are involved in disputes about inheritances or shared property, you will defend your own best interests and the interests of others with vigor. There is no moss growing on you!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Conversations with partners and close friends are lively today. Get out and enjoy yourself. Social situations, sports events and playful activities with children will appeal to you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a strong day at work because you have energy and focus. Expect to accomplish a lot. You also might entertain or redecorate at home. Busy you!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a flirtatious, prankish and playful day. Enjoy all social outings. Make plans to have fun with someone you like.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day for a family meeting or discussion. Big changes are taking place at home, and today you can direct these changes the way you want.

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ANDREW HARRIS'S STORY



Andrew Harris may have fumbled his football career had it not been for one of his high school coaches.

The Blue Bombers star running back moved to Winnipeg from Steinbach after being

recruited to play for gym teacher and head football coach Stu Nixon at Grant Park High School.

However, before Harris arrived for Grade 10, Nixon left to coach the Oak Park High School squad.

Harris rolled with the change, at least on the gridiron.

"I was excelling on the field and off the field not so much," he says.

He describes falling in with the wrong crowd in grades 10 and 11, skipping school and partying too much on the weekends.

Nixon had been watching him from afar and convinced Harris to attend Oak Park for Grade 12.

"Mr. Nixon took me under his wing, he got me familiar with the school and kind of just guided me through my senior year."

"I just needed a little guidance and I didn't quite get that at home so he was there to kind of guide me along through that."

It's those types of connections he believes are "crucial" for students.

"A lot of times, whether it be money or encouragement or confidence, there's things that kids lack. And it's not just about sports," he says.

"There's so many other things people can be exposed to and be a part of, but maybe they're not getting the confidence or push at home.

"That's where teachers can see a certain area a student may excel in and maybe just give them that extra confidence and that extra boost to go into it and give a helping hand along the way."

NICOLE BARRY'S STORY



Entrepreneurs usually have to be disciplined and confident in reaching their goals.

Nicole Barry has those traits, thanks in part to her Grade 11 English and German teacher at John Taylor

High School, Frau Klassen.

The owner of PEG Beer Co. credits Klassen with giving her "guidance, support and consistency" in 1995 when she was struggling at home.

"She showered me with praise when I earned and worked with me to improve where needed," Barry recalled. "She did so with every single student, not just me.

"She taught me self-discipline, which I've carried with me throughout my life. It aided me through the challenges of obtaining my CPA, CGA and becoming an entrepreneur. Danke, Frau Klassen. Prosst!"

Barry became a founder and co-owner of Half Pints Brewery, but embarked on her own and opened PEG Beer Co. last year, a popular brew pub in Winnipeg's Exchange District.

And now her son is benefitting from one of his teachers at Sansome School.

He was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis and missed a lot of school this year as doctors tried to find the right mix of medications.

"Mrs. Chase has always been a kind resource for our family over our years at Sansome, but this year stands out," Barry says.

"Her compassion, understanding and resourcefulness have been so amazing. We are lucky to have her as a part of my son's journey as we all adapt to this new way of life with his chronic disease."

DANNY SMYTH'S STORY



The teenage years are often filled with anxiety and questions as young boys and girls try to find out where they fit in the world.

It was no different for Winnipeg Police Chief Danny Smyth.

When Smyth attended Chief Peguis Junior high from 1977-79, his Grade 9 homeroom and English teacher Barbara Simmons took on an informal role of guidance counsellor.

She made a big impact on him by helping to alleviate a lot of his stress and confusion.

"I remember going through a lot of changes," Smyth says. "I was changing physically and emotionally, and I was starting to really explore the world around me and to understand my identity and place in the world.

"Ms. Simmons made herself available to talk. She helped me put perspective on things that were concerning to me and helped to normalize my feelings."

Smyth also fondly recalled two other teachers that influenced him.

Mr. Reimer at Princess Margaret Elementary School was his first male teacher and a role model, while Leon Pewarchuk at then-Kildonan East Regional Secondary School taught him to appreciate art.

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